



COMMUNITY NEWS

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CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

The Crime Free Multi Housing Program was introduced to Scottsdale in 1994 to make apartment communities safer. The program creates a partnership between the Scottsdale Police Department, the apartment management and residents. The program teaches active management techniques and resident participation.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is designed to help owners, residents and the managers of rental properties keep illegal activity off their property. The program is "solution oriented." It takes a coordinated effort between the property owners, managers, law enforcement and residents to reduce illegal activity in their neighborhood.

In the first year the Scottsdale Police Department implemented the program, there was a 90% reduction in police calls for service from some rental properties. This was a true tribute of the additional eyes and ears of the community members watching out for each other and having a plan by calling the police when they saw something that appeared to be suspicious.

The program uses a unique 3-Phase approach. The three phases are:

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From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

The Scottsdale Police Department is very proud to have the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in place. This unique program has spread to nearly 2,000 cities in 44 States, 5 Canadian Provinces, Mexico, England, Finland, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Puerto Rico.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a true "State-Of-The-Art" crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gang activity on apartment properties.

The program was successfully implemented in Scottsdale in 1994 by the Crime Prevention Unit and has been improved by the Police Department's Information Systems team this year. They have added an electronic notification system to the program. When the Scottsdale Police Department is called to an apartment property, no matter the time of day or night, the apartment management will be notified, via an e-mail, of the police department's response. Why is this important? With this tool the apartment management can take the needed steps to evict criminals from their properties in a more timely manner.

The Scottsdale Police Department continues to strive to make its communities as safe as possible. When you see something suspicious please call us at: (480) 312-5000 – **And Remember To Be Safe!**

Commander Burl Haenel
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Phase One

Apartment management attends an 8-hour seminar that covers:

- Working with the police and fire departments,
- Warning signs of illegal activity
- Crime prevention strategies
- Crime free-drug free lease addendum
- Becoming a more pro-active property manager
- Strengthening rental agreements
- Resident and employee screening
- The eviction process
- Arizona Residential Landlord/Tenant Act
- Building a community

Phase Two

A CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) inspection is performed by a Crime Free Multi-Housing coordinator. The CPTED inspection determines that the property meets the minimum security standards of the program. The minimum standards include: security locks, effective lights, and well-maintained landscaping.

Phase Three

The apartment management organizes a crime prevention event or “safety social” to educate residents about the program and their responsibilities while living on the property.

At the completion of all three phases, the property will be granted permission to use the Crime Free Multi-Housing signs stating they have joined the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The property will also be granted use of the program’s logo for marketing purposes. The property will be audited annually for compliance in order to grant a renewal certificate.

This nationally recognized program has proved to be effective in helping property owners, management and residents. The tools of the program can stop the spread of criminal activity in rental properties.

To learn more about the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at: (480) 312-5696 or mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov

Register Now - Citizen’s Police Academy

Sign up now for the next Scottsdale Police Department’s Citizen’s Police Academy. The class highly interactive and teaches how and why the police department works!

To register, please contact Community Liaison Officer Chris Vassal at 480-312-1922 or e-mail cvassal@scottsdaleaz.gov.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28, 2007

Memorial Day

Although city offices will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day, trash will still be collected as scheduled. Simply place your container where your trash is typically picked up by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the evening before. Call 480.312.5600 for more information.

A Summer Safety Tip

In years past during the summer, approximately 70% of all residential burglaries are of no forced entry. This means that garage doors and/or windows were left opened or entrance doors were left unlocked. If you would like to have a security survey done of your home, please call Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696 to schedule an appointment. The surveys take approximately one hour.

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 or e-mail: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.